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ed discovery — for how often have we heard of mismanagement of the affairs of those Societies which have for their object the interests of Humanity? The children of light are not apt to be so worldly wise as the children of this world — I wish I could feel better satisfied with your course towards the New Organization. It seems to me you take too much notice of their sayings and doings. — There are associated with them some true friends of the Slave — and if the leaders of the New Organization are not so — they will be compelled to their real spirit to their associates — if they are let alone. —

Yours affectionately

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be highly esteemed among men - They wish to be good, but they divide something due to, which is not compatible with true holiness. Thus are their minds & hearts divided between God & Mammon. But men may as reasonably expect to find bread in stones as to find happiness in wrong doing.

I shall probably be at the annual meeting. Nothing now foreseen will prevent me. But as to my speaking in the Representatives Hall, I hesitate. I never speak well in Boston - for I am never unembarrassed there. I see so many about me that understand the subject better than myself - and who have more intellectual powers, and greater gifts of speech, that I always feel out of place when I attempt to speak -

By the bye - whatever you may suggest as known of Br Bishop's intentions, it will be a far better course for the Board to answer his inquiries - than to attempt to criminate him. Let the true state of the affairs of the society be laid before all who have a right to know it. If there has been mistake or mismanagement the sooner it is brought to light the better - If there has not been, the Board will by the exposition establish themselves all the more firmly in the confidence of their constituents. And if there shall be found to have been mistake or mismanagement even it will be by no means an unprecedented

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My dear Brother—

I thank you for yours of the 5—and its hearty kind wishes— I need not tell you how sincerely they are reciprocated. For the last ten years my life has been as it were bound up with yours— so that nothing that has affected you has been uninteresting to me.— I trust it will ever be so.— I have just been writing a sermon on Idolatry. How much there is of it in the world! We are almost all of us idolaters. For how few there are who love God more than they love some temporal good— how few who desire to be holy more than they desire to be rich, or learned— or famous or successful! The worshippers of appetite, of riches, of party, of sect in our country are so numerous— that there are few left to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth.

How happy we should all be if we were followers of God as dear children! He is the fountain of joy— ever full— pure— unconfined and inexhaustible. He has enough for all— and giveth liberally to all who come to him. No one needs to be jealous that another's portion will be larger than his own— for every one shall have all that he will receive. Who can say that he has ever obeyed God and not found that it was good so to do? Who can say that he has given his heart to God— and not had it filled with unspeakable, perennial joy?— Men perhaps all men at times wish to be good— but they wish to be rich too. They wish to be good, but they wish to